

What is Claimed is:

1 1. Manually portable equipment for wireless transmission and reception of data for
2 verification of credit and/or checking information, said equipment comprising:
3 a) a wireless transceiver;
4 b) a data terminal including at least one of credit and check data entry means;
5 c) a rechargeable DC battery external to both said transceiver and said data
6 terminal;
7 d) wiring connecting said battery to both said transceiver and said terminal;
8 said battery providing the sole source of operating power to said transceiver and said data
9 terminal.

1 2. The equipment of claim 1 wherein said transceiver is configured to communicate
2 data via direct satellite link from essentially any location in the world.

1 3. The equipment of claim 2 wherein said terminal communication credit card data to
2 said transceiver and receives responding credit card data from said transceiver.

1 4. The equipment of claim 2 including a check reader and associated check reader
2 adapter for generating signals commensurate with indicia printed or encoded on a check and for
3 applying said signals to said transceiver for transmission thereof as at least part of said data.

1 5. The equipment of claim 2 and further including a simulated telephone line connecting
2 said terminal to said transceiver.

1 6. The equipment of claim 2 and further including a cordless telephone connected to said
2 terminal.